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1. IN ANTICIPATION OF ALIAS ACKERMANN'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO

HQS. OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY  
WITH RESPECT TO HIS PRESENT AND PROBABLE FUTURE POSITION WITHIN  
CASCOPE.

2. ACKERMANN WAS ASSIGNED TO CASCOPE COLLECTION DIVISION BY  
CAUTOPIA PRIOR TO THE APPOINTMENT  
OF ALIAS MANTHEY AS CHIEF OF THE  
DIVISION IN MAY 1970. FOR NEARLY A YEAR THEREAFTER ALIAS STURM  
FUNCTIONED AS MANTHEY'S DEPUTY UNTIL HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE EVAL-  
UATION DIVISION. SINCE THAT TIME ACKERMANN HAS FUNCTIONED AS DEPUTY TO  
ALIAS MANTHEY AND ALSO AS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS. MANTHEY HAS COMMENTED  
TO THAT ACKERMANN REPRESENTS ONE OF THE FEW LONG-TIME CASCOPE  
OFFICERS WHO TOTALLY AGREES WITH HIS VIEWS ON HOW THE CASCOPE COLLECTION  
DIVISION SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AND RUN. MANTHEY HAS FOUND HIM TO BE AN  
EXCELLENT DEPUTY WHO FOLLOWS HIS OPERATIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL  
INSTRUCTIONS WITH GREAT ENERGY AND PERSEVERANCE.

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3. MANTHEY COMMENTED FURTHER THAT ACKERMANN IS PROBABLY THE MOST EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT OF ALL CASCOPE OPERATIONS PERSONNEL HE HAS MET AND INDICATED THAT ACKERMANN, IN THE PAST, RAN SOME OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND HIGHEST-LEVEL CASCOPE OPERATIONS. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM ANOTHER SOURCE THAT ONE OF ACKERMANN'S CASES WAS KNOWN AS BRUTUS WHOM WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AS WALTER GRAMSCH (DPOB: 15 JAN 1897 IN BRESLAU) [ ] UNFORTUNATELY [ ] FILE ON THIS CASE HAS BEEN DESTROYED. REQUEST HQS PROVIDE DETAILS.

4. ACKERMANN IS A TIRELESS WORKER WHO SPENDS 10-12 HOURS AT H<sup>15</sup>91 DESK EVERY DAY. HE IS GREAT DETAIL MAN WHO READS EVERY CASE THOROUGHLY AND PRIDES HIMSELF IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE OPERATIONS THAN HIS CASE OFFICERS. HE IS HESITANT TO MAKE OPERATIONAL DECISIONS UNTIL HE HAS THOROUGHLY STUDIED ALL THE FILES AND EXHAUSTIVELY INTERROGATED HIS CASE OFFICERS ON ALL POINTS INVOLVED.

5. ACKERMANN IS A DIFFICULT AND HARD DRIVING SUPERVISOR WHO DOES NOT ENJOY MUCH POPULARITY WITH HIS SUBORDINATES BUT IS HIGHLY RESPECTED BY THEM FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE AND INTELLIGENCE.

6. SOCIALLY ACKERMANN HAS BEEN VERY RESERVED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS AND [ ] HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET TO

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KNOW HIM WELL AS A PERSON. HE IS NOT INCLINED TO ACCEPT SOCIAL INVITATIONS. THIS WAS RECENTLY EXPLAINED, HOWEVER BY MANTHEY WHO STATED THAT MARITAL DIFFICULTIES HAVE RESULTED IN A SEPARATION BETWEEN ACKERMANN AND HIS WIFE WHICH HAS RESTRICTED HIS ABILITY TO ACCEPT SOCIAL INVITATIONS. BKCROWN OFFICERS <sup>WHO</sup> HAVE KNOWN MANTHEY IN THE PAST WILL RECALL THAT A SIMILAR SITUATION OCCURRED SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN MANTHEY AND HIS WIFE WERE SEPARATED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

7. ACKERMANN IS POLITICALLY VERY CONSERVATIVE AND CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS A COLD WARRIOR TYPE. HE IS VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS WAR-TIME <sup>TR</sup>SHA BACKGROUND AND OVER-COMPENSATES FOR THIS BY BEING SOMEWHAT POMPOUS AND STANDOFFISH WITH HIS SUBORDINATES.

8. DURING LIMITED SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH ACKERMANN IN RECENT YEARS, HOWEVER, [ ] HAVE FOUND ACKERMANN TO BE A VERY CONGENIAL HOST WHO IS WELL VERSED IN LOCAL CUSTOMS AND CULINARY SPECIALTIES. HIS CONSERVATIVE NATURE IS ALSO REFLECTED IN HIS INTENSE INTEREST AND STUDY OF THE ARCHITECTURE AND CUSTOMS OF THE MIDDLE AGES. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE.

9. ACKERMANN HAS HAD LIMITED EXPOSURE TO FOREIGN LIAISON SERVICES BUT DOES UNDERSTAND ENGLISH REASONABLY WELL. NUMEROUS

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CASCOPE COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING ALIAS HARTWIG AND HIS WIFE, HAVE MADE  
NEGATIVE REMARKS ABOUT ACKERMANN AND HIS ARROGANT PERSONALITY.

HOWEVER, NO ONE DENIES HIS INTELLIGENCE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY.

10. COMMENT: ACKERMANN'S CURRENT KEY ROLE IN THE COLLECTION  
DIVISION OF CASCOPE MAKES HIM ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT LIAISON  
PARTNERS [ ] OTHER CASCOPEERS WHOM WE KNOW BETTER SUCH  
AS MANTHEY, FLEMING AND BERNHARDT HAVE ENCOURAGED US TO IMPROVE OUR  
RELATIONS WITH ACKERMANN AND TO GIVE HIM THE BENEFIT OF OUR EXPERIENCE  
AND KNOWLEDGE. THEY ESTIMATE THAT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO HQS,  
IF PROPERLY DESIGNED TO IMPRESS UPON ACKERMANN OUR WILLINGNESS AND  
DESIRE TO <sup>SHARC</sup> ~~RE~~

OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH HIM, SHOULD GO A LONG  
WAY IN IMPROVING THE OVERALL COLLECTION EFFORTS OF CASCOPE AND AS WELL  
BENEFIT BKCROWN IN THE LONG RUN. IN VIEW OF ACKERMANN'S PROFESSIONAL  
STATUS, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE ANY CHANGE IN HIS CURRENT  
POSITION AS A RESULT OF THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. IT IS SUGGESTED  
THEREFORE THAT HQS ATTEMPT TO PUT ITS BEST FOOT FORWARD IN DEALING  
WITH ACKERMANN AND UTILIZE THE VISIT NOT ONLY FOR A SERIES OF  
OPERATIONAL DISCUSSIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST BUT ALSO TO SHOW ACKERMANN  
THE CULTURAL SIDE OF U.S. LIFE, OF WHICH WASHINGTON HAS MUCH TO OFFER.

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